

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

SUSAN MARCOS-CHAVELA,

Plaintiff,

v.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

CASE NO. **2:22-cv-00854-JLR**

**ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO
THE DISTRICT OF OREGON AND
CLOSING MATTER**

Plaintiff filed a “Complaint for Civil Case Alleging The Defendant Owes The Plaintiff a Sum of Money” and also submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (Compl. (Dkt. # 1-1); IFP Mot. (Dkt. # 1).) The complaint names a County Circuit Court located in the State of Oregon as Defendant and alleges that court claims Plaintiff owes the Circuit Court money “when in legal fact they owe me money.” (*See* Compl. at 1-2, 4.) In support, Plaintiff attached a “Notice of Entry of Judgment” entered by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah. (*See id.* at 10.) The notice states: “The Court entered a Supplemental Judgment on 5/24/2022 in the court register for deferred court fines and fees. This judgment creates a lien. Judgment Amount: \$147.00. Judgment Creditor: State of Oregon. Judgment Debtor: Susan Marcos-Chavela.” (*Id.*)

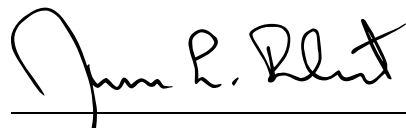
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1 Because the complaint alleges the Defendant is a Circuit Court in Oregon, and that the
2 acts complained of occurred in the State of Oregon, venue properly lies with the District of
3 Oregon if Plaintiff intends to pursue relief in a federal court. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1), (b)(2).
4 The Western District of Washington is clearly the wrong federal district in which to file this
5 complaint. When a complaint is filed in the wrong district, the Court shall either dismiss it, or in
6 the interest of justice, transfer the matter to the proper district. 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a).

7 In the interest of justice, the court transfers the case so the court in the District of Oregon
8 can screen the case under its own requirements and determine whether *in forma pauperis* status
9 should be granted.

10 The court accordingly **ORDERS: (1)** this case is **TRANSFERRED** to the United States
11 District Court for the District of Oregon; **(2)** the Clerk shall take the steps necessary to transfer
12 this case and to close the case in this district following transfer; **(3)** copies of this order shall be
13 provided to Plaintiff; **(4)** and the case should be closed in this district.

14 DATED this 23rd day of June, 2022.

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17 JAMES L. ROBART
18 United States District Judge
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